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QUESTIONS

1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF A MAJOR MEXICAN FOREST PRODS. CO.
ESTIMATED THAT AN AVERAGE OF 50 PERCENT OF MEXICAN SAWMILL
PROD. IS IN THE FORM OF WOODWASTE, OF WHICH 30 PERCENT IS
USED AS FUEL IN THE LARGER SAWMILLS, LEAVING THE REMAINING
20 PERCENT (CHIPS), FOR THE PROD. OF PARTICLE BOARD, CELLU-
LOSE & OTHER MISCELLANEOUS PRODS.
2. THE SOURCE SAID, THERE IS GREAT INTEREST IN WOOD RESIDUE
ENERGY SYSTEMS IN MEXICO. NEVERTHELESS HE BELIEVES THAT
ONLY 15 TO 20 OF THE LARGEST STATE AND PRIVATE SAWMILLS
COULD AT THE PRESENT BE IN POSITION TO MODIFY OR ADOPT SUCH
SYSTEMS, AS THEY ARE THE ONLY OPERATIONS WITH SUFFICIENT
VOLUME OF WOODWASTE (THREE TONS OF WOODWASTE OR MORE PER
DAY) TO JUSTIFY THE CAPITAL EXPENSE. SMALLER MILLS FIND IT
CHEAPER TO DUMP THEIR WASTES OR SELL IT TO THE LARGER MILLS
AND TO UTILIZE OTHER ENERGY SOURCES.

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